

Butters Row reopening! April 30 or before?

The Butters Row bridge is to be rebuilt, as soon as possible. It is confidently expected by State Rep. James Miceli that there will be access to Butters Row from Main Street by, or before, April 30.

The April 30 date was requested by several residents of Butters Row in a petition presented to the Board of Selectmen last week. Town Manager Sterling Morris hopes that the date can be met, but he is less confident than Miceli.

Following a discussion with the contractor in the meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners on Thursday evening, Chairman George Allan suggested that the approach to the bridge be restored, and the sewer work there be postponed until later in the year.

The Town Manager agreed with Allan's idea, and called Miceli to set the wheels in motion. They scheduled a soil test for the next afternoon at the bridge. Miceli went to the D.P.W. headquarters on Friday, and Commissioner Carroll and Chief Engineer Tierney sent out their engineers for

the tests.

In the group of engineers were Don Goldberg, Jan Sils and Kris Karanbelis. Goldberg is a soils consultant to the engineering firm of Whitman & Howard. Sils is a bridge engineer for the DPW and Karanbelis is a maintenance engineer. Samples were taken of the soil beneath the bridge, the purpose being to analyze the disturbance that had taken place.

It was found that the soil had been disturbed, and it was also found that there was frozen soil. It will have to be replaced. After that there will be an inspection by DPW engineers and Mr. Goldberg and the bridge will be rebuilt.

The present structure of the bridge will be maintained. There will be no widening or other change, at least at this time.

Miceli says that after the sewer project has been completed there will be a replacement of some timbers and planks to the Butters Row bridge, but again without making it wider than it is at the present time.

Clean up Friday

This Friday is Clean Up Day in the town of Wilmington.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsored program is held once each year to clear away litter and debris accumulated over the long winter.

Several youth groups in the town have volunteered to help out. In the past, much of the work has been done by organizations like the Campfire Girls, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and the

Wilmington Beautification Committee. This year, however, the Chamber of Commerce is encouraging all residents to join in the effort to make Wilmington a more attractive community.

Volunteers should plan to meet in the parking lot of the North Wilmington Shopping Center at 10 a.m. on Friday morning, April 21. The Chamber of Commerce will supply bags and gloves, but take along your own rake.

Refreshments will be served at the Town Park when the clean up is finished at 1 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce will also supply bags and gloves and the pickup of rubbish to any residents who wish to pick-up the litter along their street and neighborhood.

For more information, interested persons should contact Marvin Weiner, Chamber of Commerce president at 658-9330.

In the event of rain, Clean Up Day will be postponed one day, to Saturday, April 22.



Test report

Soil consultant Don Goldberg records his findings before climbing out of the hole from which he took his samples. With him is Ernest Fagerstrom, an engineer for Whitman and Howard.

Asa Sheldon probably built the bridge

The Butters Row bridge, which in the past week or so has been so much in the news was probably constructed by Asa Sheldon, a prominent Wilmington contractor of the pre-Civil War days in eastern Massachusetts. Mr. Sheldon called himself a "Wilmington farmer."

A native of Lynnfield, Sheldon settled in Wilmington in the early years of the 19th century, and became a contractor who was adept at handling the fieldstones of New England.

When the Boston & Lowell Railroad was built, in 1834, it was planned to be a railroad without grade crossings. Only two grade crossings resulted, one in what is now Winchester Square and the other in West Medford. The Winchester grade crossing was eliminated about 20 years ago.

Sheldon did extensive contracting, in the construction of railroad rights-of-way in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. He records, in his autobiography, some of his conversations with Patrick Jackson, the president of the Boston & Lowell Railroad, and he records some of the work that he performed.

Sheldon built many of the bridges that crossed the early railroads, but in many instances, in the present day, proof cannot be absolutely certain.

There is strong reason to believe that he constructed the Butters Row bridge.

His last days, during the Civil War, were spent in the farmhouse that overlooked the Butters Row bridge, the present day home of Stanley and George MAM Webber, of Main Street.

Hearing date set for 129 study

On May 23, a public hearing will be held on the proposed changes for the Route 129 bypass. It has been a long time in process.

A preliminary Environmental Impact Study, the reason for much of the delay, has now been printed. It is available for public review at three locations: the Mass. Dept. of Public Works at 100 Nashua Street in Boston, the Town Hall in Wilmington and the Town Hall in Reading.

The hearing will take place at

Wilmington High School Barrows Auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m. It will give residents an opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed changes for the route in Wilmington and Reading.

Under consideration, is a new location from Route 93 in Wilmington to Richmond Street.

All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Good Guy Number Ten: John Brown



Good time Good Guy

John Brown is a Good Guy who knows how to have a good time. At evening's end, when the band played "God Bless America," John hopped up on a table to lead the singing.



Easy on the suit, John

John Brown received an award from Lt. Larry Driscoll of the Tewksbury Fire Department, whom John said he was proud to call a friend. The two work closely on the Fire Fighters Against Dystrophy campaign, and on union business. They are each the president of their locals of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

"It's you who should be given this award," said John Brown. "All I do is pick up the phone. You do all the work."

But the 250 people at the Good Guy dinner on Saturday night knew that John, in spite of his modest disclaimer, deserved the award. He earned it the same way he earned their support for his projects, with his enthusiasm, dedication and hard work.

First and foremost, John is a fire fighter. An EMT (emergency medical technician) on the Wilmington Fire Department, he has a contagious enthusiasm that has helped both the department and the town.

A couple of years back, John surprised Chief Arthur Boudreau. He and George Anderson Jr. announced to the chieftain that they would like to have ambulance duty all the time, on their shift.

That was sort of like telling the sergeant you want K.P. duty in the army.

But John's intention was to make the emergency medical service from the Wilmington Fire Department into the finest available. Without detracting from other departments, John has done that. He is now a qualified EMT instructor. He is also credited with saving many lives in his work.

His most recent project to improve the ambulance service is a patient information sheet. Working with emergency room doctors, he devised a form which aids the EMT in finding and recording information that will aid the doctors in providing treatment.

To our good guys

On Saturday evening, 15 April, you made us feel like a king and queen by attending and enjoying what will forever be an unforgettable evening and honor for us.

We love you all,
John and Betty Brown

more quickly and efficiently.

As president of the local Fire Fighters Union, he has made a name for himself.

Rep. Jim Miceli presented John with citations from the House of Representatives, from the state Senate, and from Governor Dukakis. Miceli said that when he asked Dukakis to sign the proclamation for John, Dukakis did not have to ask who John was.

The awards given to John were so numerous that Father Francis Mackin suggested that John build another room on his tiny house to hold them.

One very notable item received by John was a telegram from Jerry Lewis, recognizing and thanking him for the work John has done on the Muscular Dystrophy Labor Day Telethon. Working with Larry Driscoll, head of the Tewksbury Fire Fighters, John has built the Tewksbury-Wilmington telethon into a \$50,000 event.

He was also honored by the Red Cross for his work on the town blood committee. Not only is he an active worker there, but he is also a two-gallon donor.

The Good Guy award began ten years ago, when a group of people arranged a dinner at Rocco's Restaurant, and then called Rocco out of the kitchen to give him an award for being such a good guy.

Since then, the previous Good Guys are the ones who select the recipient. Usually, when the Good Guy of Wilmington is selected, the committee has managed to keep a secret. This year, it didn't work.

John Brown said there were just too many clues. Everyone would stop talking when he went into a room. His wife would go out "shopping" at 9 p.m. He'd hear people drop the words "good guy" around the fire station. But John went along with the surprise, "just to watch them squirm." After all, it was fun watching everyone try to keep the secret and make the arrangements to surprise him.



Ten years

This year's Good Guy dinner was the tenth anniversary of the event, so there was a cake to celebrate with. Gathered around the cake are, from left, the first Good Guy, Rocco Depasquale, Ralph Ambrose, Ray McNamara, Jo O'Neil, Larry Noel, Marion Boylen, Frank Sterrazza, Mel Woodside, representing his late wife Lil, Pat Duggan, representing her husband Dick, who was ill, and John Brown, the Good Guy of 1978. Missing and unrepresented in the picture were Carl and Hazel Backman, now residents of Florida.



First reaction

Good Guy John Brown shakes his fist at Good Guy Jo O'Neil (not visible) for "setting him up" as this year's recipient of the award. At left are George Kelly, Betty Brown, and Larry Noel, one of the 1977 Good Guys. At right are Rocco and Rita Depasquale.

Eighth Annual

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 22, 2 p.m.

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(delay due to Winter of '78)

Wilmington Recreation Department

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Delegates sought to Energy Congress
Delegates are being sought to attend an Energy Congress and help frame an "energy action" blueprint for New England.
The Congress, organized by the New England Congressional Caucus Energy Task Force, was designed to help tackle energy problems in the six state area.
Application forms for delegates are available from the Lowell and Lawrence offices of Congressman Paul Tsongas, chairman of the Task Force. They will be accepted through April 20.
It is "The failure of the energy plan nationally," said Tsongas, that "makes a New England energy program that much more necessary."
The New England Energy Congress will bring together delegates representing the six New England states and the various constituency groups involved in energy debates. Delegates will work to achieve a consensus through six committees, each composed of approximately 10 members and each responsible for a distinct aspect of the region's energy situation.
The committee will meet monthly, beginning May 20 at Tufts University in Boston and ending when the full Energy Congress convenes at Tufts from November 30 through December 2.
The final blueprint will be completed in January, 1979, after public input has been included. It will be presented to the New England Congressional Caucus and distributed throughout the region.
For further information or to obtain an application, call 459-0101 or 683-5313.

Wilmington School cafeteria menu
All schools
Monday: Hot Chicken Croquettes and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Cranberry Sauce, Bread and Butter, Cookies and Milk.
Tuesday: Macaroni Shells with Meat and Tomato Sauce, Buttered Green Beans, Chilled Fruit, French Bread and Butter, Frosted Spice Cake and Milk.
Wednesday: Soup of Vegetable, Submarine or Syrian Bread, Chilled Fruit, Jello or Pudding with Topping and Milk.
Thursday: Homemade Baked Beans, Frankfurter on Roll, Crispy Colelaw or Vegetable, Nutty Brownie and Milk.
Friday: Juice, Tomato Pizza, Colelaw or Salad or Vegetables, Ice Cream and Milk.

Thursday, April 20: Colonial Club, Lynnfield. Esther Russell retirement party. Contact Margaret Wagstaff, Dot Peters or Pat Ward for tickets.
Thursday, April 20: 8 p.m., Open dress rehearsal of Merrimack Valley Sweet Adelines at Tewksbury Junior High School, Victor Drive.
Thursday, April 20: 7 p.m., public hearing on warrant articles, Tewksbury Planning Board, Tewksbury Town Hall.
April 20, 21, 22: Tewksbury Jaycees sponsored Bowloath to benefit Lincoln Hill Camp for retarded children. Call Dave LeBlanc, 851-5305 for information.
Friday, April 21: Tewksbury High School Band marathon for funds for Disneyworld trip.
Friday, April 21: Last day to sign up for spring mixer of Wilmington Tennis Club.
Friday, April 21: last day for seniors to sign up for trip to Saugus Chateau de Ville to see Mame and enjoy roast beef dinner. Sign up at Wilmington drop-in center.
Saturday, April 22: Cub Scout Pack 63, Wilmington will be collecting papers at St. Thomas Church parking lot.
Saturday, April 22: 2 p.m., at Wilmington Town Park, Rec sponsored Easter Egg hunt.
April 22, 29 and 30: Shawheen School, Wilmington. Tryouts for Rec Softball league between 1 and 4 p.m.
Monday, April 24: Tewksbury Camp Fire Girls L.S.O. at Elks Hall.
Monday, April 24: 7:30 p.m., Wilmington Memorial Library, Hugh Wiberg will conduct a workshop on vegetable gardening. Public invited.
Monday, April 24: 8 p.m., Wilmington Baptist Church, "Gospel-folk" music team of Ed and Margaret Anderson. Public invited. Offering will be taken.
Wednesday, April 26: 7 to 9 p.m. Last open house of the year at Tewksbury Junior High School.
Wednesday, April 26: 8 p.m., at Wilmington Memorial Library, Organizational meeting, Wilmington Newcomers' Club. All newcomers invited.
Thursday, April 27, 28, 29: "Pushcarts," a three act musical comedy presented by members of the Wilmington Teachers' Association and School Department personnel.
Saturday, April 29: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Tewksbury Congregational Church, annual Camp Fire Fair. Public invited.
Saturday, April 29: Tewksbury High School Band spring carnival to aid Disneyland trip.
Saturday, April 29: at Merrimack Valley Motor Inn, North Andover. Rotary Club Ladies' Night.
Saturday, April 29: Wilmington Rainbow Girls paper drive at Masonic Temple, Church St.
Saturday, April 29: Boy Scout Troop 51, sponsored by St. Anne's (North Billerica) will serve a spaghetti supper. Everyone invited.
Saturday, April 29, Sunday, 30: Annual outdoor spring mixer for Wilmington Tennis Club at Avco courts.
Saturday, April 29, Sunday, 30: Tewksbury Art Guild art show at the Old Chapel of Tewksbury State Hospital. Public invited.
Saturday, April 29: 7 p.m., at Tewksbury Elks Hall. Annual scholarship dinner-dance. Public invited. Call 658-4683 or 851-7964 for tickets.
Saturday, April 29: 8 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, Wilmington. Reading-Wakefield Barbershop Chorus and Quartets will give benefit performance for the Forest Street Church of Wilmington.
Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30: Bowl-a-thon at Wamesit Bowling Alley. Cub Scouts urged to attend and to obtain pledges.
Sunday, April 30: Applications must be in for Wilmington Council of Churches scholarship. Call your clergyman for application.
Sunday, April 30: 7:30 p.m., Pop's concert in TMHS gym. Proceeds go toward Disneyworld trip. Call Carol Colmer, for information.

Coming Events

Sunday, April 30: 7 p.m., VFW Hall, Tewksbury. Redmen Wrestling Banquet. 851-2031 or 658-8425 for information.
Monday, May 1: Tewksbury Rec Bowling banquet for the 9 a.m. group at Elks Hall on South Street.
Monday, May 1: Cub Scout Pack 56 of Wilmington committee meeting.
Tuesday, May 2: Program presented at Wilmington Sons of Italy Hall entitled "Modern Italy."
Friday, May 5: Anniversary dinner-dance in observance of the 50th anniversary of St. Anthony's Church, North Woburn. beginning at 7 p.m., Hillcrest in Waltham. Call 933-1323 for information.
Saturday, May 6: Annual Jaycee-Jaycee-ette Installation banquet at VFW Hall, Tewksbury. Call Carol Erickson 851-6439 for information.
Friday, May 5: 7 p.m., District I Camp Fire girls and families attend special performance of Shriners' Circus.
Saturday, May 6: 8 p.m., Annual Jaycee-Jaycee-ette Installation Banquet in Tewksbury. 851-6439 for information.
Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7: 7 p.m. "Corrie" Behind the Scenes with the Hiding Place" a full-length film at First Baptist Church, Wilmington.
Saturday, May 6: 8 a.m., 2 Carson Avenue, Wilmington. Those interested will meet for first bird walk of the year to be led by Frank Tuttle. Call 658-8230 for information.
Saturday, May 6: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Annual clean-up at Camp 40 Acres. Lunch provided. 658-2623 for information.
Saturday, May 6: 7 p.m., VFW Hall, Tewksbury Jaycee-Jaycee-ettes awards banquet. Tickets must be purchased by April 30. Call 851-3053.
Sunday, May 7: St. Dorothy's Sodality Communion Breakfast, K of C Hall, Tewksbury. Call 658-6460 for information or reservations.
Sunday, May 7: 8 a.m. - all day, Wilmington Kiwanis 11th annual Charity Horse Show, Clark Farm, Rt. 125 Andover Street. Call 658-2655.
Monday, May 8: 8 p.m. to 6:45 at Wilmington High School. Senior Class Blood Drive.
Wednesday, May 10: Elks Hall, South Street, Tewksbury. Recreation Bowling League banquet for the 11 a.m. group. Contact Claire or Doug Maguire for tickets.
Friday, May 12: 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., K of C Hall, Wilmington. Guardsmen Drum and Bugle Corps will hold a Fifties Dance. Call Mrs. Dalke 658-9167.
Saturday, May 13: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Paper drive by Boy Scout Troop 56 at Congregational Church, Wilmington.
Saturday, May 13: 6:30 p.m., Spaghetti supper, United Methodist Church, Wilmington. Call 658-2399 for reservations.
Sunday, May 14: 8 p.m., St. Anne's Church, North Billerica. The New Life Singers and Chorale from Lexington Christian Academy will present a program of sacred music. Public invited.
Monday, May 15: Cub Scout Pack 56 pack meeting, theme "Growing Things."
Tuesday, May 16: 7:30 p.m., Americana (wine-making, issues, immigrants), Wilmington Sons of Italy Hall.
Saturday, May 20: 12:30 p.m., Wilmington Spotlighters will participate in 25th annual New England Theater Conference Drama Festival at Brandeis University.
Saturday, May 20: St. Anne's Church, North Billerica. 5 to 6:30 p.m., old fashioned New England boiled dinner. Public invited.
Sunday, May 21: Jail day in Tewksbury...Oakdale Mall from noon to 5 p.m. Proceeds to aid MS Fund. Call Tewksbury Police Assoc. President Peter Amari at 851-7373...this is also festival day with Policemen's Wives Assoc. manning many and varied tables, foods, crafts, etc. Call 851-6701.
Wednesday, May 31: Tewksbury Junior High School. Orientation program for sixth graders and their parents.

Please submit items for coming events listing at least one week before desired date of publication.

Class schedule set for gymnastics

All gymnastics classes are set for the spring after last Saturday's testing of girls in grades four through 12. All classes will be in the High School gym on Saturdays and Tuesdays beginning April 22 and 25.
Classes are scheduled as follows:
Saturday, 10-10:50 (pre-school); 11-11:50 (grades one through three); 12:30-1:20 (grades one through three); 1:30-2:20 (pre-school); 2:30-4:00 (group three).
Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 (group two); 8-9:30 (group one). Those people tested last Saturday are in the following classes:
Group One: Ellen Grinder, Adrienne Hoon, Donna Gardner, Kim Parino, Karen Thibeault, Jean MacKinnon, Nancy Frost, Anne Ryan, Cindy Runge and Janet Magliozzi.
Group Two: Renee Gilson, Beverly Jackson, Kerry Sheehan, Dawn Metcalf, Lisa Cambrosio, Shelly Romano, Susan Gillespie, Kathy Stone, Terry McVicker, Julie Cain, Karamia Capodanno, Diane Renslow, Danielle Cosman, Karen Spahl, Sharon Reinbolt.
Group three: Julie Rowen, Barbara Oikle, Lauren Oikle, Krista Carnabuci, Siobhan Droney, Jennifer Duffy, Tara Coolberth, Nancy Woods, Amy LaCambria, Linda Caizzi, Marilyn Bruce, Janice Connell, Denise DeLucia, Kara Larsen, Christine Smith, Lisa Voles, Kim Catania, Cheryl Bimbo, Joanne Gardner, Kelly Parks, Beth Connolly, Laura Murray, Michelle DelNinno, Laure Ausiello, Cheryl Kincaid, Janine Wolff, Karen Tully and Christine Warren.

Tennis lessons

The Recreation Department will offer tennis lessons for Wilmington residents ages nine through adult.
There will be three adult classes in each of the two sessions offered with each session lasting three weeks and including Tuesday and Thursday classes.
Class times are 6-7 p.m., 7-8 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. with the first session starting on Tuesday, May 9 and running through Thursday, May 25. The second session will run from June 6 to June 22.
Class size for adults is limited to 10 people ages 17 and over.
Both Mark Waruszyla and Bob Auer Jr., local tennis players will instruct in all basic fundamentals.
It is hoped that an instructional film will be shown and instructional booklets will be distributed. Cost is \$10 per adult for the six hour course.
The child's program is for ages nine to 12 and 13 to 16. There will be two separate three week sessions consisting of three Saturday meetings per session. Each of the sessions will meet for one and one half hours each.
Class times are 9-10:30 (ages nine-12), 10:30-noon (ages nine-12), 12 noon-1:30 (ages 13-16). The first session will run from May 6 to 20. The second session will run from June 3 to 17. Class size is limited to 12 per class. Cost for the 4 1/2 hour course is \$6 per participant, payable at the first class meeting.
All classes will be conducted at the North Intermediate School courts. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. For additional information call the Rec Office at 658-6512.

Newcomers Club forming

If you're brand new to Wilmington, there's a brand new club being formed just to help you get acquainted.
The Newcomers' Club will hold its first meeting on April 26, at 8 p.m. in the conference room of Wilmington Memorial Library.
Anyone who has moved to Wilmington within the past year is invited to attend to meet other new residents and to hear about community activities and services. The purpose of the club and its future programs will also be discussed.
Welcome Wagon International through its local business sponsors, is taking the formation of the organization. Call Welcome Wagon histess, Kathy Salbach, 658-5702 for more information.

BIRTH

GENNETTI: Jarrod Edmund, second child, first son to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gennetti of 124 Vernal St., Everett on April 2.
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tomas of Marcus Road, Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gennetti of Medford.

Berkley Holston to wed Stephen Gerhartz

Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Holston Jr. of Lynchburg, Virginia have announced the engagement of their daughter Berkley to Stephen C. Gerhartz, son of Mrs. Frederick Jaeschke and Conrad Gerhartz of Wilmington.



Shawheen Tech menus

Monday: Crisp Fish Portions, Whipped Potato, Tartar Sauce, Buttered Green Beans, Fresh Baked Buttered Roll, Chilled Pears and Milk - or - Soup, Hamburger on a Buttered Roll, Green Beans, Potato Chips, Chilled Pears and Milk.
Tuesday: Veal Cutlet with Brown Gravy, Whipped Potato, Buttered Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Fresh Baked Buttered Roll, Jello with Topping and Milk - or - Soup, Meatball Sub with Tomato Sauce, Grated Cheese, Buttered Corn, Jello with Topping and Milk.
Wednesday: Salisbury Steak with Onion Gravy, Whipped Potato, Buttered Carrots, Fresh Baked Buttered Roll, Mixed Fruit and Milk - or - Soup, Sliced Turkey Sub with Lettuce and Tomato, Potato Chips, Mixed Fruit and Milk.
Thursday: Sliced Turkey with Gravy, Whipped Potato, Savory Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Buttered Corn, Fresh Baked Buttered Roll, Oven Fresh Congo Bars and Milk - or - Chilled Fruit Juice, Frankfurt in a Buttered Roll, French Fries, Condiments, Cabbage and Carrot Slaw, Oven Fresh Congo Bars and Milk.
Friday: Baked Chicken with Gravy, Whipped Potato, Cranberry Sauce, Buttered Green Beans, Ice Cream and Milk - or - Hot Meatloaf and Gravy Sandwich, Cranberry Sauce, Fresh Garden Salad, Ice Cream and Milk.

BIRTH

KENNEDY: Melissa Sue, first child to Steven and Gale (Boyden) Kennedy of Jacksonville, Florida on March 30.
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Boyden of Nichols Street, Wilmington; Donald Kennedy of Columbus, Ohio and Mrs. Dee Farrah of South Vienna, Ohio.
Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Kennedy of London Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Liming of Hillsboro, Ohio.
Great-great grandmother is Mrs. May Hilsheimer, of Columbus, Ohio.

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Spotlighters will compete

The Wilmington Spotlighters will be among 30 community theater groups competing for first place at the 25th Annual New England Theater Conference Drama Festival next month.

"The Bald Soprano," a comedy by Eugene Ionesco, is the Spotlighters' choice of material. It will be presented at the Springfield Theater of Brandeis University on Saturday, May 20 at 12:30 p.m.

Suzanne Doucette, who will direct the Spotlighters' entry, holds a degree in theater production from McGill University in Montreal. She recently directed the Spotlighters in Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor," a benefit performance at the New England Rehabilitation Center in Woburn.

Members of the cast include Wilmington residents Barbara Baldwin, Jean Doucette and Barry Garden; Al Ventullo and Stephanie Beale of North Reading; Jim Justice of Lowell and Norm DeMarais of Tewksbury.

DeMarais is also director of the Spotlighters' musical production, "Hello Dolly,"

which will be presented early in June.

Production staff members include Ron Whitney, Jim Justice, Jean Doucette, Trizie Lenzi and Elaine Wright.

The six state competition will be held in Waltham from May 17 through May 21. All entrants must comply with stringent competition rules which specify playing time, actor eligibility, material selection and other production aspects.

A professional adjudicator will judge the competition and select the four best productions. These will be performed again on Sunday evening, in competition for the best production award. The adjudicator will also present awards for outstanding achievements in the various aspects of theater production.

The festival is open to the public. Afternoon sessions begin at 12:30 and evening sessions at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for each of the four sessions. Admission charge is \$2.00 for a single session; \$13.00 for the entire series and \$3.00 for the finals only.



Florida bound

Before leaving on a trip for Florida last Friday, Girl Scouts Joan Ratto and Debi Mills and leader Mrs. Claire Olson attached destination signs to the back of their motor home.



Scouts visit the Magic Kingdom

They'll do a lot of packing and not just in suitcases.

The 16 teenaged girl scouts who left recently for a trip to Disneyworld plan to pack into 10 days visits to the Magic Kingdom, Sea World and the

Cypress Gardens; an afternoon of swimming at River Country; a trip to Juliette Low's home in Savannah, Ga.; and a tour of Washington D.C. The girls, who are members of Wilmington's Senior Scout

Troop 112, and their leaders have worked for two years to raise the \$400 needed to make the trip.

They will be camping out in their two motor homes at Disneyworld Wilderness Campground.

Acting as chaperones are Barbara DeVita and Claire Olson, senior scout advisors and Beverly Gerade and Martha Ratto, two of the girls' mothers. Drivers for the trip are high school teachers Roger Cote and Tim Hill.

The 16 scouts making the trip are: Elaine Alerud, Marianne DeVita, Beth Evans, Kathy Madden, Joan Ratto, Donna Roberts, Jane White, Kathy Constapino, Diane Dalton, Kim Field, Beth Gerade, Debi Mills, Laura Frost, Debbie Smith, Debbie MacDougall and Patti Applebe.

The girls have expressed their thanks to all who supported their fund-raising efforts throughout the past two years and thus made the trip possible.

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Produce merchant has no easy answers

Remember that old joke?...One person goes up to another and asks: "Do you feed your cat sour lemons?" When the other replies negatively, the first says, "Well, someone told me you had a sour puss."

Well, that could describe some days in the fruit and vegetable profession, and profession it is. You have to know when to buy or not to buy fruits and vegetables. Will your customers pay the extra freight demanded? Will your customers think it's worthwhile to pay the sum for their favorite produce?

A dealer in fruits and vegetables, a produce merchant, has to be a fortune teller, or soothsayer when it comes to that business.

John Migliozi owns a fruit stand on Route 38 in Tewksbury. He has been there since 1960. He started out as an insurance man and used to visit the stand because he had a client there. There were days when discussion turned to sale of the stand, and did John know of anyone who would be interested...John posed the pros and cons of the subject and began to be interested himself.

He had a friend, Tony Cronin, with whom he had worked in the insurance profession and together they discussed the situation. Then John made the move which, at one time or another, we all make in a lifetime. He discussed it with family and purchased the stand, but not before there was a six months' agreement that he would be "broken in" as a partner on the job.

He didn't want to enter this highly competitive business like an innocent lamb led to slaughter. He learned the ins and outs, he took trips to the market, learned to "feel" the vegetables he would be purchasing; learned how much to buy so that his customers would not have to pay over their usual prices, or not take any expensive fruits or vegetables back to the stand. Why buy it if your customers wouldn't?

John is up at 4 a.m. to start preparations for his 5 a.m. daily trip to the huge market on the Everett-Chelsea line. A hub-bub of activity and excitement is in the air as one approaches the site. Trucks and all kinds of vehicles dot the platforms as each driver tries to find a spot so that he can begin his financial dealings.

The usual step is to find a parking area, then greet a few of the dealers. Each stand may have one item, such as bananas, or tomatoes, or may have several items, but the usual greeting, the family discussions, then the cup of coffee. Usually there are other stand operators to discuss the prices of the various produce. If the customer can get bleary eyed being a customer at a stand, they they should view the buyer at these areas who, is a customer in another sense of the word.

When we parked our truck, after the usual greetings and introductions - there were a lot of Tony's, Nicks, Sals, juniors and seniors, and pictures dotted over the walls - it was time to talk to the dealers. John would ap-



proach one, whisper or talk in low tones, the dealer would haggle back, and if John was satisfied, he would get a "chit" or piece of paper denoting a sale. He could then return to claim his prize. This is repeated in other stalls. You approach one dealer, look at the produce for sale and discuss the prices. Where the product comes from, and another sale is made.

This is no business for amateurs. John learned in his six months' apprenticeship. After all, dealers have to rid themselves of their products and there are a few who might take

advantage, but all-in-all, I found that they were a different lot, a rugged group. They had to be, to be targets of a strong wind across the area through open sides.

We learned that if it weren't for Mexico, that this area would be hit with \$1 prices for lettuce, and exorbitant prices for lettuce brought in. This day there were only 14. So prices were high for lettuce that week.

One walks into a new world at the Everett market.

Granny apples are on the market from Chile, but there was a scarcity in

the Boston area. Why? Because they were commanding a higher price in the New York market. So, of course, where would you sent your produce or fruits?

Cantaloupe was high; Arizona was sending in her first watermelon, but prices were too high for most produce men to buy. Their profits would be nil if they bought some of the goods.

I met an interesting man, Sam Goldstein. He could talk all day about bananas. Did you know, he asked me, that 75 per cent of bananas came from Ecuador? Or that we import most of ours from Honduras. Or that Japan is a strong competitor for our fruits? They have a "sweet" tooth for bananas and are outbidding us for these and other produce?

Bananas are stored in great bins, with a temperature of 56 to 66 degrees. Each bin is for a day's banana supply and if sales are imminent they can increase the temperatures so that bananas can ripen earlier for moving.

While sitting in John's truck, waiting for him to load part of it, I was amazed to see trucks from all over New England entering and leaving. There were the usual trucks from every chain in the area. It turns out, he mentioned, that this area was the center for New England.

Again to Japan. They import a lot of produce from California. This means that the New England area does not get as much. Japan is willing to pay a higher price, so we suffer

here, unless we want to pay more. This makes the produce dealer's job difficult.

Weather is a factor. We get foods from Chile, Ecuador, Mexico besides our own Texas, Arizona, California, but Florida does not supply us with too much and the rains in California are going to create a 10 per cent increase in prices this summer.

This week John wanted zucchini and eggplant. He ended up without any...he couldn't get them.

Cucumbers were going for 69 cents apiece. John has to think - who would pay so much for one item, so he left them in the market, returning home with less than 50 per cent produce. He will try again the next day.

Comedy: Yes, I saw one sign misspelled - "fruit." And signs all over advertising...what is the biggest gamble?...Farming, baseball, numbers, state lottery.

John will tell you it is the man who runs the fruit and produce market. He is hoping for lower prices in a month because the Carolinas will be harvesting and sending food to us Yankees.

In the meanwhile, John hopes for the best. He drives in each morning at five when you and I are still sleeping, and complaining about the high cost of fruit, vegetables while he thinks as he looks at his order to submit to his dealers.

He can only hope that the next day will be more "fruitful."

Campership coalition launched

Citizens and agencies in the Mystic Valley have formed a coalition dedicated to providing camping experiences for children in this area.

The organization, dubbed the Mystic Valley Campership Coalition, has launched its first fund raising drive. The proceeds will be used to provide needy children in the Wilmington, Arlington, Burlington, Lexington, Winchester and Woburn with an opportunity to attend summer camp this year.

The project will benefit handicapped children and children with difficult home lives who cannot afford the ever increasing cost of summer camp. Contributions are being sought from businesses, fraternal organizations and individual citizens.

Tax deductible contributions to the Campership Fund can be made by mailing a check to Mystic Valley Campership Coalition, First Congregational Church, 21 Church Street, Wilchester, Mass. 01890. Checks should be made payable to "Cambridge Camping - Mystic Valley Account."

The camping experiences made possible by these contributions can help children become better individuals and help make this summer one of the most meaningful ones of their lives.

Further information may be obtained by calling Pamela Brown, treasurer, at 729-4350.

E.F. Hutton & Company, one of the largest brokerage and investment banking firms in the country, has recently opened a new office in Burlington.

The facility is located at New England Executive Park near the Burlington Mall. It will provide institutional and individual investors in the Burlington area with complete service in stocks, bonds, commodities, mutual funds, options insurance, tax shelters and other investments.

Hutton operates four other investment houses in Massachusetts, including one in Boston.

Kenneth E. Simon, senior vice president, will manage the new Burlington branch. C. David Chase will be account executive in charge. Joining them will be Clifford Lofgren and Ross Supnik.

E.F. Hutton & Company has over 190 offices and 11 international branches. It earned over \$16 million in 1977.

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Busy week for Rep. Jay Gaffney

Tewksbury State Representative Jay Gaffney concluded a busy week at the State House - a week which saw action taken on four legislative measures authored by the second term Independent.

On April 10, Mr. Gaffney and other co-sponsors successfully debated House Bill 1883. If enacted into law, this bill would place the Governor's Cabinet under the Open Meeting law. During the debate, Mr. Gaffney stressed that the state compelled all municipal boards and commissions to comply with this law, and that it was inconsistent and hypocritical for agencies at higher levels of government to exempt themselves. Gaffney said he saw no justification for the Governor's Cabinet to conduct its meetings in secret.

Mr. Gaffney indicated that he is also supporting a similar bill aimed at placing the Legislature under the open meeting law. The Gaffney bill was substituted for an adverse committee report on a roll call vote of 156 to 65. Gaffney's House Bill 2984

received its first favorable vote later the same day. This bill will authorize school buses transporting senior citizens to use their flashing lights when boarding and discharging these passengers.

Tuesday, April 11 saw Mr. Gaffney appear before the Joint Committee on Health Care to testify in favor of House Bill 4859 which Mr. Gaffney filed to require that the Department of Public Health open the Tewksbury Hospital's vacant wards to area chronic care patients. In testimony, the Tewksbury legislator referred to studies which showed that the Merrimack Valley area had the state's most critical shortage of long term care beds.

Debate resumed Wednesday on House Bill 1883. A motion to reconsider Monday's vote was defeated, clearing the way for the bill to continue its progress through the House. Later that day, Gaffney joined with Representative Swartz from Haverhill to attach an amendment to the Bottle Bill. The amendment, which was adopted on a voice vote will insure that at least one cent of the five cent deposit can be retained by the retail outlet to defray handling and storage costs. The customer gets back the entire five cents deposit, and the extra one cent is paid to the distributor.



Tewksbury's Squirt A's hockey team was honored at a dinner last Wednesday night at the Elks Hall. Presenting a team with a citation honoring its recent tourney win is State Representative Jay Gaffney who is flanked by coaches Bill Perrin and Ed Doherty.

First job?

Students graduating this spring and planning to look for their first job should have a social security card.

In order to get proper social security credit for their earnings, new employees should be certain their employer records their social security number.

Students should apply now, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare announced, as it takes several weeks to receive a card. Applications may be filed at any social security office. Applicants must be prepared to prove their age, identity and citizenship.

Tewksbury DAV elects May 2

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 101 of Tewksbury will meet Tuesday, May 2 at 8 p.m. at the business office of Treasurer Edwin Nash of 104 Lowell Street, Route 129, Wilmington, for the purpose of electing Chapter officers for the year 1978-79. All members of this chapter who are paid up are urged to attend. All disabled veterans who are not members are urged to join. Call Matt McGillick, 283-2830 for information.

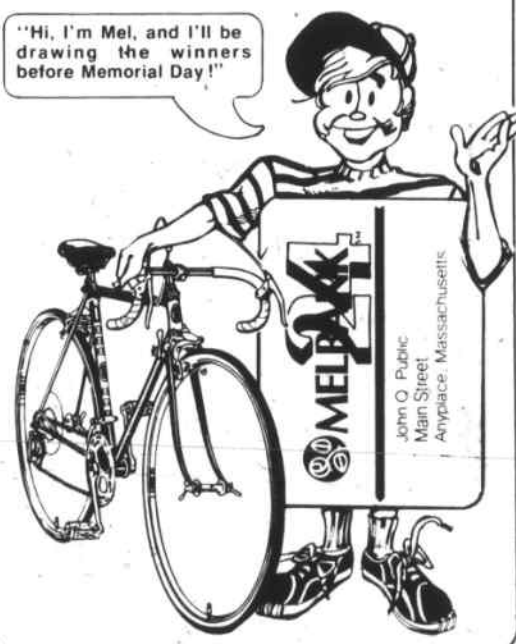
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Minuteman to expand services

Minuteman Home Care Corporation is expanding its services for senior citizens. It was announced that \$73,666 in Title III Older Americans Act funds are now available to community agencies and organizations who would like to carry out the services.

Among those services which have been approved for funding are:

1. Senior Employment-Skills Bank: \$10,666
2. Adult Day Health Centers (2): \$26,666
3. Health Assessments Projects: \$12,000
4. In-Home Counseling: \$8,000
5. Alternative Housing Model Project: \$2,000
6. Legal Services: \$6,666
7. Telephone Reassurance Project: \$6,666

Local, state approval

Eighty persons attended a public hearing in February where the priorities for the use of the area's Title III allocation were discussed. The state Department of Elder Affairs recently approved MHCC's Area Plan on Aging which described the priorities adopted locally. "Our goal in spending these funds," said Jon Pynoos, MHCC Executive Director, "is to establish a comprehensive, coordinated system of community services for the elders in our 16 towns. We in-

tend to give priority attention to the task of creating more options for those elders whose choices are limited by lack of income, poor health and/or isolation."

Proposals invited

The Title III funds will be allocated to community groups through a two-step process. "The first step in the process is the submission of a 'letter of intent' which expresses the group's interest in performing one of the funded services," said John Paul Marosy, Deputy Director for Operations. "The second step will be the completion of a formal application which will be sent to each agency that sends us a letter of intent." Each grantee must provide 25 per cent "in-kind match," in the form of donated space, staff time, or supplies.

"Our staff is available to assist any group that wants to submit a proposal," said Jon Pynoos. Services provided through Title III grants will be available to residents of all participating communities in the Minuteman Area: Acton, Arlington, Bedford, Boxborough, Burlington, Carlisle, Concord, Harvard, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Stow, Wilmington and Woburn.

For further information call 863-4300 or 263-8720 or write: MHCC 365 Waltham Street, Lexington, Mass. 02173.



Top five shooters

The five top pistol marksmen of the Tewksbury Police Department, shown with trophies presented them last Friday.

In front are Alan Stephans and Roger Tanguay. In back are Alan Landers, Paul Ringwood and Tony DiCalogero.

The team averaged a score of 1329.5 out of a possible 1500.



The Chief Ryan Bowl

Chief of Police Paul Lynch was the surprised recipient of a silver bowl, at the police banquet last Friday. The Chief Joseph L. Ryan Bowl is in recognition of his support of the Suburban Police Pistol League.

The bowl is named in memory of the late chief of the Billerica department.

Mr. Lynch is to be retiring soon, as Wilmington's police chief. Tewksbury Safety Officer Martin Cormier is presenting the bowl.



Suburban Police Pistol League trophy

The Tewksbury Police Department has won the Suburban Police Pistol League trophy. The trophy has been in the possession of the Billerica police for the past nine years. It was established by the chiefs of police of Billerica, Burlington, Tewksbury and Wilmington to promote interest in marksmanship with pistols.

Tewksbury Police Chief John Sullivan is shown accepting the trophy from Patrolman Keith Weston of Billerica. At right are Lt. Mo Steel of Billerica and Martin Cormier of Tewksbury.

Bits & Pieces

Anniversaries

Ernest and Dora Ardolino of Broad Street, Wilmington danced the Anniversary Waltz on April 17. They had double cause for celebration on the 17th - it was also Ernest's birthday.

Charlie and Cal McLaughlin of Hillcrest Street, Wilmington will observe their 31st wedding anniversary on April 20.

Jean and Chuck Reinbolt of Sprucewood Road, Wilmington will make it all the way to their 20th on April 20.

Amy and Brownell Malone of Mass. Avenue, Wilmington will celebrate for the 51st time on April 21.

A group of "mere beginners" will be sharing the 21st anniversary with Mr. and Mrs. Malone... Fred and Dian Hancox of Kilmarnock Street, Wilmington will make it to their 27th; and Ed and Marilyn Deschenes of Washington Avenue will dance the Anniversary Waltz for the 28th time on April 21.

The R.F. Lilley's of Mass. Avenue, Wilmington will also be celebrating for the 51st time next week - on April 25.

The anniversary star this week goes to the Ernest Call's of Clark Street, Wilmington who will observe their 60th anniversary (that's right, 60th) on April 28.

Sharing greetings with the Calls will be Ted and Dot Lowry of Moore Street who will be celebrating for the 22nd time and the Mike Cairns of Moore Street who will make it to their fifth on the same day.

Local carpenters

On Friday evening at 7:30, WBZ's "Evening Magazine" will feature Shawheen Tech Manual Arts students building a \$100,000 home as part of their class work. Perhaps a neighbor will be seen on TV.

Paper Drive May 13

Troop 56, Boy Scouts of Wilmington will hold a paper drive Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Congregational Church. Call 658-3508 or 657-7752 for pickup.



New building

Scott Universal Properties, a firm which owns, operates, and manages property in the New England area, recently held ground breaking ceremonies for a new 22,000 square foot, two story office building to be constructed on their property in Wilmington Center. Plans call for a unique atrium-type entrance as well as first class carpeted interiors designed to tenants' specifications.

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Shown in photo are (foreground) Richard Zarse, Nordblom Company; Dave Scott, president of Universal Properties and DSI, a management and consulting firm.

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Wilmington SPORTS



Wilmington High senior lefthander Dave Sousa is being counted on to pitch good baseball as part of Coach Jim Gillis' early season two man rotation. Righty Randy Foster came up

with a gem Monday in Methuen. Sousa opens the Wildcats' home slate this afternoon (April 19) against Billerica at 1:30.

Sports Notebook

The club that breeds togetherness

by Rick Cooke

When taken at face value the whole idea sounds a bit corny - maybe even a bit silly - but, what the weekly "Rocco Club" held at Rocco's in Wilmington for the high school baseball team does is breed togetherness. The idea of relaxing and poking fun at each other's mistakes while at the same time giving your teammate that important pat on the back is still very much a part of sports in Wilmington.

This is especially true in baseball, where Coach Jim Gillis wants his team thinking as a unit both on and off the diamond. The ploy has obviously paid off in recent years - although it hasn't hurt the situation any having some good ballplayers to go along with all of this comradery.

The idea of the WHS baseball team getting together at a local restaurant each week for a night of pizza, salad, a steak dinner for the star of the game (this week it was pitcher Randy Foster who also had room for a pizza along the way) and fines for the assorted on and off the field miscues, was generated several years ago when Gillis was a coach at Austin Prep. It carried over from Reading to Wilmington although the meeting has changed locals since its early days in Cougar-land.

I attended my first "session" Monday night (they are usually held every Tuesday) and watched as the team went through its weekly ritual of fines - ranging from leftfielder Dave Sousa's nicker for waving at girls while in the outfield at Methuen to manager Scotty O'Connell's fine for copping a pair of sanitary white socks without the coach's permission.

President Todd Richards runs the show amid the wolfing down of pizza and salad that is led by a not too discreet corner that has been nicknamed "The Cave" for the ferocious eating habits that go all the way back to prehistoric man when food was mighty scarce. Brian Hurley, Art Sugrue, Bill Liston, Mike Moon, and JV star of the day Kevin Brander (he came prepared to grab) manned "The Cave" Monday night, but generally they were too busy eating to get too involved in the fining process as directed by Richards. This spring the fines are slated for a very worthy cause and the boys have a grand time riding each other - which leads me to the point that dispels the idea that I had that this meeting might be a bit dated in this day of businesslike professionalism that abounds even in high school athletics.

The Wilmington athlete has always been respected for their closeness - their ability to band-together even in defeat. This doesn't mean that every single Wilmington athlete is perfect on and off the field - it just means that the coaches and the kids are willing to make the effort that is often needed to keep a frustrating afternoon on the

field from digging down too deep.

There was a light air Monday night after the win at Methuen, but it was obvious that this group is capable of picking itself up off the ground (much like the team did last spring) and that these weekly meeting-feasts help to keep that winning attitude flourishing.

This club that reminds me of those fun-loving days in the treehouse when a slight slip meant a fine, is Wilmington's answer. Gillis has it well organized with Steve Woods the vice president, Billy Blaisdell the secretary, Foster the treasurer, Andy LaFave the Sergeant-at-Arms (his duties were a bit unclear to me) and Rich Scanlon the perfect Chaplain off his eloquence of Monday night.

While another club in the MVC that shall remain nameless bickers among themselves and appears confused at the start of the season - Wilmington has its act together with a small boost from this weekly get-together that helps keep things from getting too heavy. As Gillis says - when he gets between the lines it's a winning proposition - but when the game is over it's time for relaxing as you watch "The Cave" attack a dozen pizza pies.

WHS softball set for title defense

The Wilmington High softball team opens its 1978 season this week set to defend the MVC title and looking for another shot at Eastern Mass Tournament play. Last spring coach Jan Garipay's girls finished with an overall record of 14-3 and a 12-2 MVC title mark.

The team earned an Eastern Mass berth for the first time in 1977 and eliminated Matignon and Hamilton-Wenham by identical 8-1 scores before Lynn English bounced Wilmington 9-5 in the semi-finals of the North Sectionals.

Wilmington loses shortstop and Captain Sheila Burns to graduation along with outfielder Kathy Barry, pitcher Betty Cote, secondbaseman Barbara Moulton, and outfielder Elaine Tshilis. Burns batted .350, belted five home runs and drove in 20 while being named Player of the Year and being selected to the MVC All Star team. Cote was the team's workhorse on the mound, pitching 23 innings while striking out 46 and walking just 20. She was also named to the MVC All-Star team. Moulton rapped out a .420 average and Tshilis, an All-Star selection, was the best defensive outfielder on the team.

Garipay must fill those gaps with talented juniors who are headed by outfielder Cheryl Cushing. Cushing is one of the fastest players on the team and is coming off a five for 12 performance in the State Tournament a year ago. As is usually the case, a championship club is always popular at tryouts the year following a title. Garipay reports that she had a flock of girls battling for four open spots on

Foster handcuffs Rangers

Four-run sixth KO's Methuen, 6 - 2

The defending Merrimack Valley Conference champs played like they mean business in their title defense Monday afternoon at Methuen as they ripped Ranger pitchers Jay Dzioba and Frank Riley for four sixth inning runs and Randy Foster turned in a workmanlike job on the mound for the Cats in a 6-2 win.

Good defense, timely offense, and consistent pitching characterized Wilmington High baseball a year ago when Coach Jimmy Gillis' team copped the MVC crown and went on to win an Eastern Mass Division II Schoolboy title. That pattern ran true to form in the MVC lidlifter as Foster set a Wilmington record for pitches thrown in a game with 71-including 49 strikes and just 22 balls as he faced 27 Rangers in tossing a five-hitter. The senior righthander is expected to fill the big gap left by Jim Stewart's graduation and if Monday's mound work is duplicated by senior lefthander Dave Sousa against Billerica today (April 19 at WHS 1:30 p.m.) then the Wildcats will be in business with a question mark answered early in the season.

Shortstop Bill Blaisdell was a close second to Foster in the star of the game balloting (in a poll where Gillis casts the deciding vote) with a three for four afternoon that included a 420 foot home run that got Wilmington off and running with a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Blaisdell had three runs scored to go along with his RBI. Bill's runs included a heads up tag and score on Foster's short fly ball in the game-breaking sixth inning. The senior shortstop was solid in the field also with eight assists - many of them coming with Ranger runners on the pads.

Tom Stewart helped Wilmington in that sixth inning surge with a bleeding double down the leftfield line that scored Steve Woods. Tom had a pair of hits and scored a run for the winners. Woods chipped in with a single while Sousa had a single to drive in a run. Art Sugrue started fast with two hits and an RBI.

The Cats sandwiched single scores in the first and seventh innings around the sixth inning outburst. The team banged out 10 hits with Blaisdell committing the lone WHS error with a dropped infield fly. The Rangers had two errors.

The win over the pre-season MVC favorites is a big one in that two of the Wildcats' five losses a year ago came at the hands of Coach Bruce Parker's talented Rangers. With Tewksbury dropping a 5-3 decision at Billerica Monday afternoon, Wilmington already has a jump on two good clubs (Methuen and Tewksbury) and any advantage at any stage of the spring can't be overlooked in what should be a down to the wire race for the MVC crown.

Extra bases....Foster didn't strike out a batter in Methuen while walking just two Rangers. Gillis praised the work of junior thirdbaseman Bob Gearty who came up with a couple of nice plays at the hot corner. To show what a super-efficient day Mr. Foster had - firstbaseman Don McLaughlin had 15 putouts for the game with the Rangers killing their share of early spring worms in the infield.

Methuen's ace righthander Frank Riley came on to relieve Dzioba with two outs in the sixth inning and proceeded to wild pitch McLaughlin home. Riley reportedly had good velocity, but was all over the place. In the one and one third innings he

the team.

Seniors already solid in the WHS lineup are firstbaseman Colleen Dowd, thirdbaseman Joah Welch, and catcher Laurie Hastings. That trio along with Cushing form the nucleus of what Garipay hopes will be an MVC contender.

The girls open at home this week



Mr. President

worked he faced nine batters and threw 38 pitches in a shaky first time out for the Ranger fireballer.

Last year Methuen topped the Wildcats 3-1 in the first game played between the two teams and swept the series when Riley hit a two run homer in the seventh inning of the second game.

Coach Jimmy Melzar's junior varsity club dropped a 9-5 decision after surrendering eight runs in the first inning. Junior righthander Steve LaFave is slated for some JV duty as he preps for varsity mound work later this spring.

Tewksbury's steady righthander Matt Riddle is off to an 0-2 start with losses to Haverhill and Billerica. Riddle is missing with the curve ball with the feeling being that either his motion or grip is not the same as last spring when he won six games for the Redmen. A Wilmington scout says that Matt's added upper body muscle has affected his pitching. Whatever the problem is Tewksbury is in trouble if they have to count on sophomores Steve Marsh and Ronnie Wallace. Marsh pitched well in Saturday's 8-3 win at Haverhill and Wallace hurled a junior varsity no-hitter the same day, but high school baseball history says that sophs have a tough time winning games at the varsity level.

Lefty Sousa goes today in the first home game of the season. The Wildcats will miss Billerica lefty Phil Tumminelli who fanned 12 Redmen in Monday's 5-3 win at Billerica. The Indians looked shaky in the field against Tewksbury and they could be in trouble when Tumminelli isn't pitching.

Merrimack Valley Baseball Conference Results Monday

Billerica 5, Tewksbury 3	
Chelmsford 4, Dracut 3	
Wilmington 6, Methuen 2	
Andover 9, Austin Prep 2	
Lawrence 5, Law. Central 4	
Andover 1 0 1.000	
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Lawrence 1 0 1.000	
Wilmington 1 0 1.000	
Austin Prep 0 1 .000	
Dracut 0 1 .000	
Law. Central 0 1 .000	
Methuen 0 1 .000	
Tewksbury 0 1 .000	

with games against Lawrence and Tewksbury. The Tewksbury game is slated for a 1:30 p.m. start at the Wildcats' field tomorrow (April 12).

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Wilmington High catcher Todd Richards is the president of the team's weekly "Rocco Club" along with being one of the best defensive catchers in the MVC. Richards is shown taking a cut in a preseason game with Pentucket Regional.



Let's talk it over

WHS baseball coach Jimmy Gillis is bundled up for some warm words of advice to co-captain Steve Woods (14) during a preseason game in Andover. Woods and shortstop Billy Blaisdell are the WHS co-captains for 1978.

MVC track

Andover rips Wildcats 111-34

A strong Andover Golden Warrior team ripped through the nomadic Wilmington High tracksters 111-34 last week as coach Frank Kelley's team continues its spring sojourn on the road.

The Cats did manage to win three events at Andover with the mile relay team of Doug Martyn, John Mucci, Bob Butler and Kevin Cogan taking first place with a 3:47.8 time. The other Wilmington winners were high hurdler Roger Coville (120 yard-16.1) and two miler Dana Spring (10:15.8).

The Wildcats placed in the field

events with Kevin Burke coming in second in the high jump (6-0), Doug Coursey third in the shot put (41-2 1/2), Greg Pavelcak third in the discus (125-5), and Bob Blonigen third place in the javelin (140-6 1/2).

Coville picked up some WHS points with a second place in the 330 low hurdles while John Mucci placed second in the mile (4:39.7), Greg Hancock second in the 880 (2:07.6), Martyn third in the 440 (54.7), Dave Nally third in the 220 (24.9) and Carl Borgeson second in the two mile (10:43).

Girls Rec softball tryouts

Tryouts for the Rec Dept's Girls Softball Team will be held this Saturday, April 22 and the following Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. on the Shawsheen School field.

This team is the travelling team for girls ages 13 to 16 (not born before

Sept. 1, 1961). The team will be entered in the Middle Essex League this summer.

Further information will be coming concerning the boys league, the older girls' team and the intramural league for girls ages 13-16.

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Youth hockey highlights

Bantam B's finish first place season

Wilmington's Bantam B's finished their 1977-78 season in first place in the local league with an outstanding 26-2-2 record that included wins over Reading and Newton in the final week of play.

Sunday (April 16) coach Joe Duggan's team tipped Newton 3-1 as Darryl MacDonald, Mark Deyab and Craig Richards scored the Wilmington goals. Deyab, MacDonald, and Mike Moran had the assists for the winners. Billy Redler turned in a solid game in goal for Wilmington.

Wednesday (April 12) the team topped Reading 5-2 with a first period burst that provided a comfortable cushion. Mike Moran started the scoring at the seven minute mark of the first period with help from Billy Robinson and MacDonald before George Boudreau scored with Brian McLean assisting at 4:37. Robinson upped the lead to 3-0 at 3:52 as Boudreau and Frank DeVita had the helpers. Reading finally countered at the 3:23 mark to trail 3-1 after one period.

Wilmington dominated the second period with Chuck McNeil scoring from John Cushing at 9:01 before McLean lit the lamp from Boudreau to close out the Bantam scoring at 8:22 of the second period. Reading cut the lead to the final of 5-2 with a goal in the third period. Scott Campbell was the winning goaltender with a fine game in the Wilmington nets.

Squirt A's go out streaking
The Squirt A's capped a superb 10 weeks of hockey with a 5-0 blanking of Somerville Saturday (April 12) that ran their unbeaten streak to 15 games.

Wilmington finished in the first division of the WYLA West standings and compiled a 13-4-5 Middlesex League mark.

Saturday's goal scorers were Ken Richter, Dave Lux, Robbie Palmer, Danny Kane, and Dave Richards. Tom Craig and Dave Buzzell had the assists on the Richter score while Craig had his second helper of the game on the Lux lamp-lighter that gave Wilmington a 2-0 lead.

The Dave and Scott Fuller combination picked up the assists on the Palmer score, with Don Constantino having the assist on the fourth goal of the game. Lux and Billy Woods were the assist-men on the final goal of the Wilmington Squirt hockey season.

Bantam A's tie Bedford
The Bantam A's battled Bedford to a 2-2 tie Sunday (April 16) after taking a 2-0 lead in the second period on goals by Mike Crimmins and Brian Butler. Bedford came back with two third period scores to tie the game that came after Wilmington had tied Danvers and lost to Woburn earlier in the week.

The Crimmins and Butler scores came just 11 seconds apart Sunday with Donny Josephson and Keith Ford

picking up the assists. The Butler goal came on a Bob Lowney rebound off the post.

Goaltender Jeff Lux held the fort for Wilmington with 14 saves on the 16 Bedford shots fired his way.

Thursday night (April 13) Wilmington and Danvers fought to a 2-2 deadlock with Jimmy Conti opening the scoring at the 11 minute mark of the first period assisted by Ford.

Danvers climbed back to tie 1-1 at 10:35 of the second period on a powerplay score before John Murphy scored five minutes later with help from Crimmins and Josephson. Danvers scored with one minute left in the second period. Lux was outstanding in the scoreless third period, coming up with 10 saves to give him 25 for the game.

The night before (April 12) Woburn jumped to a 4-0 lead halfway through the second period before the A's struck for three quick goals to close the gap momentarily. Ford scored an unassisted goal and that was followed by powerplay goals by Conti from Joby Duggan and Murphy assisted by Butler and Ford.

Woburn pocketed two more scores for the 6-3 final as Lux again helped to stem the tide with the winners holding a 43-12 shots on goal edge. The last game of the Bantam A season will be tomorrow night (April 20) with a 5:20 tilt with Lowell at the WYLA.

Mini One-on-One set
Wilmington Youth Hockey held its Mini One-on-One shoot-off last week to determine the boys who will participate in the District 10 eliminations on Saturday April 22 from 3-5 p.m. at the WYLA.

Over 100 boys took part in the shoot-out with the qualifiers from each division being: Squirt-Dave Richards (shooter) and Billy Wolfe (goalie); Pee Wee-Jimmy Smith (shooter) and Anthony Aresco (goalie); and Bantam-Keith Ford (shooter) and Bill Redler (goalie).

Wilmington Youth Hockey would like to thank Bill Wolfe, Nick DeFelice, Rick Carty, Jack MacDonald, Frank Newark, Pete Smith, Dave Fuller, Jack Laquidara, and Tom Pazyra for their help with the competition.

Squirt B II club had good season
Wilmington's Squirt B II team enjoyed a fine season with Eric Cornish and Eric Newhouse having outstanding years. Both finished in the top 10 in league scoring as Cornish wound up fourth with 25 goals and 11 assists for 36 points while Newhouse was ninth with 16 goals and 12 assists for 28 points.

Cornish was among the league leaders in hat tricks with three while Newhouse scored three goals in a game once this winter. The team finished in fourth place for the 1977-78 season.

Games today (April 19)

Methuen at Andover, 10 a.m.
Billerica at Wilmington, 1:30
Tewksbury at Lawrence, 1:30
Dracut at Austin Prep, 1:30
Law. Central at Chelmsford, 1:30



Wilmington's dribbling Dean

Dean Velozo of the Rec Soccer 'A' team controls the ball during Sunday afternoon's game with Bedford. Wilmington tipped the visitors 2-1 at the Shawsheen School.

Rec "one pitch" softball

Again this season the Recreation Department will sponsor a "one pitch" softball league for high school boys 14-18.

Any group interested in entering a team is invited to have a manager or representative attend a meeting to be held Tuesday, April 25 in the Rec Office at the Mildred Rogers School at 7 p.m.

Dick Scanlon, who is coordinating the summer leagues, is interested in setting up the league as soon as possible.

League structure will depend upon interest shown at this meeting.

Tennis squad preps for opener

The Wilmington High School tennis team, under the direction of Coach Richard Malcom, has begun work for its season opener next week. The club, which practices at the Avco facility is made up of 13 members who have played well in two scrimmages against Danvers and Greater Lawrence.

In the 4-1 win over Greater Lawrence Steve Welch, Len Licari and Dom Lombardi all chalked up singles victories while Rod Millett

and Vin Iocco were doubles winners.

The Wildcats had a tough time edging Danvers 3-2 as Wilmington swept the single matches for the win. Welch (6-2, 6-3) Licari (6-3, 5-7, 7-5) and George Butters (6-3, 7-6) were the difference for WHS.

Other members include Ron Stemmler, Dave Dunbar, Greg MacDonald, Al Cabral, Carroll Gillespie, Lou Martinetti and Russ Daley.

Little League parade

Opening Day 1978 for the Wilmington Little League will be Saturday, April 22, beginning with the League parade at 11 a.m. The route will begin at the Whitefield School and proceed up Route 62 to the Rotary Park. Opening Day ceremonies will

be conducted followed by four Major League exhibition games consisting of three innings each.

The League is in desperate need of umpires. Anyone interested in lending a hand, call Jeanne Meuse at 658-4354.

Wilmington

SPORTS



Rec soccer

'A' team nips Bedford 2-1

Wilmington Recreation League Youth Soccer teams got off to good starts last weekend as the A team downed Bedford Sunday 2-1 after the B squad had blanked Watertown 6-0 Saturday afternoon.

The A club nipped Bedford as Tim McCann scored the game winner three minutes into the fourth period when his shot was deflected in off a Bedford defender. Tim Donnelly had

given Wilmington a 1-0 lead with his unassisted goal at the 12 minute mark of the first period before Bedford knotted the score at 1-1 with a third period goal.

The B' squad romped behind Al Randles' three goals with Dana Tarricone, George Boudreau and Sean O'Brien also pocketing scores for the winners. Assists went to Andy Kritter (two) Gene Carroll and Tarricone.

Wildcat tracksters hit the road

The nomads of the Merrimack Valley track conference are hitting the road these days and Wiley coaching veteran Frank Kelley isn't complaining as he waits for the new track to be built.

The old WHS track was condemned some time ago and with a new one on the way Kelley leads his troops on a road show that could be bogged down if adequate pole vaulters aren't found to replace 1977 standouts Robin Poirier, Dave McMillan, Dave Meegan and Mike Morris. Kelley is hoping that senior Rich McDonald along with juniors Ken Warren and Chip Baldwin can fill the void in the difficult high school event that Wilmington excelled at a year ago.

Kelley sees his team as being solid in the distance events however, with senior two miler Dana Spring heading a veteran cast. Senior Gary Gable is another capable two miler with freshman Carl Borgeson along to boost that group. Millers for Wilmington are sophomore John Mucci and promising freshmen Mike Cassidy, Dave Virtus, and Rick Maio. The Cats could cause some people trouble in the distance events this spring.

Senior Greg Hancox is a standout in the 880 where he will get help from junior Kevin Cogan and sophomore Scott Knight. Senior Doug Martyn heads the quarter mile group that includes junior Jay Jones. Kelley hopes to put sophomores John McDonald (880) and Bob Butler (440) through their spring paces in the hope that they can add some needed depth to the WHS squad. Included in that promising group is junior Ken Warren who runs the 880 and the mile.

Wilmington will be counting on seniors Chris Tannian (quarter mile, 880 and 220), Mark Harvey (hurdles) and Kevin Burke (high jump) to add that touch of experience along the way in 1978. Another capable vet is junior Dave Nally who runs the intermediate hurdles and sprints. Junior Roger Coville has already made his presence felt with excellent efforts in the hurdles. Senior Mark Warren is also slated for the WHS hurdles.

The field events will be handled by another corp of promising un-

derclassmen. Junior Greg Pavelcak and freshman Greg Farnkoff will compete in the discus with junior Bob Blonigan handling the javelin for the Cats. Senior Mark Rodan is also slated for some javelin duty. Dan Pelletiere is a senior who is out for the first time throwing the javelin.

The speed boys for Wilmington will be freshman Matt Phillips and Mark Boudreau in the 100 and 220 meter races with senior John Maga also in that group.

Kelley points to sophomore Steve Dineen as a promising trackster saying, "he looks like he's going to be a good distance runner." The question marks appear to be mainly in the field events with the distance races being a Wilmington strong point as the team has started a season of bus rides and MVC meets on the road.

April

Fifth, Wednesday, Haverhill Practice Meet at Haverhill; 7, Friday, North Reading, Acton-Boxboro Prac at North Reading; 10, Monday, Austin Prep at Austin; 13, Thursday, Andover (boys and girls) at Andover; 15, Saturday, Central Invitational at Lawrence; 19, Wednesday, Methuen at Methuen; 22, Saturday, MVC relays at Billerica; 26, Wednesday, Billerica at Billerica; 29, Saturday, State Relays at Lawrence.

May

First, Monday, Lawrence at Lawrence; 4, Thursday, Chelmsford at Chelmsford; 6, Saturday, Freshman-Sophomore Meet at Lawrence; 10, Wednesday, Dracut at Dracut; 13, Saturday, Coaches' Invitational at Brockton; 16, Tuesday, Central Catholic at Lawrence; 20, Saturday, Northern Area Championships at Lawrence; 24, Wednesday, Tewksbury at Tewksbury; 26, Friday, Haverhill Freshman Meet at Haverhill; 27, Saturday, Class C Championships at Boston; 31, Wednesday, League Meet Championships at Tewksbury or Andover.

June

Third, Saturday All-State Meet at Andover; 10, Saturday, New England Championships in Vermont; 13 and 13, Monday and Tuesday, Decathlon Meet (three men) at Lawrence.

MVC girls track

O'Reilly sets WHS record

Wilmington High School's Janet O'Reilly set a school record with a heave of 96-3/4 in the javelin last week in the team's 92-26 loss to Andover in MVC girls track action.

Wilmington winners at Andover were Ann Gillis who won the 220 with a 27.4 time and freshman Julie Hancox who pulled away from the field to capture the 880 with a 2:41 time.

Other point getters for Wilmington

were Moira Donnelly who places second in the mile (6:44.3), Denise Dorval's third in the high jump (4'6"), Cindy Leathe's third in the long jump (13-6 1/2), Heidi Wiberg's third in the 100 meter dash (13.4), Lori Roueche's third in the two mile, and Cori Washek's second place in the 100 meter hurdles.

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Towns lose Tech budget case

Shawsheen Tech has won the battle of the budget.

The regional vocational school has received out-of-court agreements from the five member towns to pay in full the amounts the towns had sought to cut from the school budget.

The case began in 1976 when the five member towns of Shawsheen Tech sought, by town meeting action, to reduce the school budget by a total of \$503,000. Wilmington's share was \$85,000.

The case was scheduled for last Tuesday in Middlesex Superior Court in Cambridge. Wilmington Town Counsel Alan Altman said he arrived there to find that three of the five towns had already settled, leaving Wilmington and Tewksbury with little support for their positions.

The other towns settled because the Shawsheen Tech School Committee offered to waive a 25 per cent penalty in return for an out-of-court settlement.

Left in such a situation, Altman said it would have been fruitless for him to go ahead with the case. He said that he had subpoenaed records from the school, and that they totaled three boxes full. He said that he thought that he had a shot at reducing the award by \$7000 to \$10,000, but the lack of support from the other towns left him high and dry.

Altman said that he had intended to prove that the school had improperly expended funds, without the benefit of an appropriation.

The settlement for Wilmington was for a flat \$85,000, with no penalty.

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**Championship
Lions**

Lion coach Harry Cunningham is flanked by players Eric Meuse (left) and Harry Cunningham (his son) as the team was presented trophies to honor its winning a Wilmington Recreation Basketball title.

Bits & Pieces

Birthdays

Alma Traer, formerly of Wilmington, now of York, Maine became a year wiser on April 18.

If the list is correct, at least nine Wilmington residents will be sharing greetings on April 20 including:

Kevin Lang of Westdale Avenue; April Smallidge of Sewell Road who will be 12 years old; Diane Dalton of Grove Avenue who will be celebrating for the 15th time;

Patricia Steeves of Burnap Street who hasn't said how many times she's celebrated the day before; April Gustafson of Oakridge Circle who will make it all the way to 19 on April 20; Anthony Ingenari of Lowell Street; James Scott of Shawsheen Avenue; Robby Lowney of Strout Avenue who will blow out the candles for the 15th time on

April 20 and Sandy McKenna of Allen Park Drive who will be turning 11 on April 20.

Stacy Ford of Westdale Avenue, Wilmington will be serenaded by friends and relatives on April 21.

Wally Palino, of Marcia Road will be 14 on April 22 and will share his special day with Sylvia Malo of Morgan Road.

It looks as though no less than seven Wilmington residents will be sharing their special day on April 23. Wayne Pilla of Wildwood Street will be celebrating for the 19th time on April 23; Pete Hembree of Nickerson Avenue will become a teenager; Steve Ethier of Woburn Street will be old enough to vote; John Landry of Main Street will make it all the way to 19; Linda Fullerton of Beverly Avenue will observe her special day on

April 23 as will F. James O'Donoghue of Lawrence Street and Nancy Marden of Woburn Street.

Steven McKenna of Allen Park Drive, Wilmington will be nine years old on April 24 and will share greetings with Thomas Arnold of Sheridan Road who will be old enough to vote on the 24th; John Parker of Brattle Street and Dr. Ernest Wallent of Middlesex Avenue.

Heidi Doyle of Boisvert Road, Tewksbury will blow out the candles for the 15th time on April 25 and will share greetings with at least one other Tewksbury resident—Paula Lembo of Tomahawk Drive who will be 12 on the 25th and five who live in Wilmington including: Janet Ethier of Woburn Street who will be eight years old on April 25; Debbie

Compugraphic contributes \$25,000 to Health Center

Compugraphic Corporation has contributed \$25,000 to the Building Fund for the Regional Health Center in Wilmington.

The presentation was made by Vincent Kaseta, vice president of Industrial Relations, to Sam Shapiro, president of Sweetheart Plastics and Honorary Chairman of the Building Fund.

The Building Fund is a com-

prehensive, area-wide capital funds drive to raise up to \$1,000,000 of the \$3,500,000 facility. Chairman of the fund, Ray McNamara reports that the Compugraphic gift puts the campaign total at \$425,000. About \$500,000 of the total is expected to come from local business and industry and the remainder from individuals, clubs and service organizations and Boston area

charitable foundations. The opening of the Center, now under construction on a 22 acre site in North Wilmington, is slated for later this year. Its policy will be to emphasize primary care services. Featured will be a 24-hour walk-in urgent care, a laboratory, x-ray, physical therapy, social service and community health education.



Vincent M. Kaseta, Compugraphic official, presents \$25,000 gift to Building Fund Honorary Chairman Samuel Shapiro.

Reinhart of Middlesex Avenue who will be celebrating for the 19th time; Mary West of Sprucewood Road; Victor Manni of Edwards Road; Jerry DeFillippo of Marcia Road and Dot Peters of Grant Street.

Ralph DeLisle of Belmont Avenue Wilmington will observe his special day on April 26 and will share greetings with Sharon Ataman of Hathaway Road who will face a birthday cake glowing with 16 candles on April 26; Linda Hanna of Park Street who will be celebrating for the fifth time on April 26 and Billy of Farr of Cedarcrest Road who will make it all the way to seven on the same day.

It would seem that Diane Hancox of Kilmarnock Street, Wilmington has her April 27 birthday all to herself. Lorraine Doucette of Ledgewood Road, Wilmington will be old enough to vote on April 28.

Golden Ager
Joseph McLaney of Grove Avenue, Wilmington will become a year wiser on April 28.

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When Wilmington Police Chief Paul Lynch and wife Ruth visited Florida recently, they dropped in on Frank and Barbara Griffen, former owners of Church Street Hardware. But they were not the Griffen's only visitors. Nick DeFelice and Jim Cain were also there.

Front, from left, Ruth Lynch, Alice Murphy, Barbara Griffen, Barbara Cain and Louise DeFelice.

Standing, from left, Frank Griffen, Paul Lynch, John Murphy, Patty Griffen, Jimmy Cain and Nick DeFelice.



Annual April March

Setting off on the March to Concord, the Wilmington Company of Minutemen falls in step behind Sergeant Bill Meyer, Lieutenant Frank Curley and Drummer Michael Curley. The Minutemen left from Wilmington Common shortly after 2 a.m. Monday, to take part in exercises at Lexington, Concord and Arlington.



Where's the rest of us..

Wilmington Minutemen, in Arlington on Concord Day, searching for the rest of the company. The Minutemen marched in both the Concord and Arlington parades.

In the picture are Tom Sweet, Robert Sweet, Capt. William MacKinnon and Warren Sheerin.

Bits & Pieces

Carter Lecture

There were about 450 persons at the Carter Lecture in Wilmington last Thursday, to hear about and see a film on Scotland. The lecturer found out, by a show of hands, that over 50 per cent of the audience had Scottish ancestry or other claims.

The lecturer had some difficulty with the loud speaker system. The first half of his remarks could barely be

heard and the other half was almost intelligible. Finally he discarded the microphone, and speaking in a natural tone of voice was well heard by the audience.

There was a personal note, for the publisher of the Town Crier, Gunny Davis was one of the ladies present, and the publisher always exchanges a few words in the Swedish language with that lady. Also

present was Sigfrid Olson of the Olson Greenhouses on Lowell Street, with whom some conversation in that language is also exchanged, from time to time.

Sigfrid had a nephew with him - straight from Stockholm. So the publisher of this paper tried speak in Swedish with that young man, but he wanted to talk only in English.

KINNEY: Benjamin David, second child, first son to Mr. and Mrs. David F. Kinney of East Street, Stoneham on April 3 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital.

Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. David F. Walsh of West Street, Reading and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kinney of Woburn Street, Wilmington.

MEARLS: Alicia Jean, first daughter to Mr. and Mrs.

BIRTHS

Joseph L. Mearls of Sterling Street, Somerville on April 6 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sumner of Thurston Avenue, Wilmington; Charles H. Sullivan of Boston and Dorothy L. Mearls of Somerville.

Great grandmother is Dora Cornish of Central Street, Wilmington.

RICE: Wilson Eugene III, first child to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson E. Rice Jr. of 1071 Main St., Reading on April 12 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Vaccaro of Northern Road, Malden and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson E. Rice, Sr. of Linda Road, Wilmington.

Students attend seminar

Two local high school students recently attended the first Massachusetts Leadership Seminar in Boston.

Daniel Burbine of Wilmington and Ann Marie Looney of Tewksbury were among more than 100 sophomores selected to attend from high schools throughout

Massachusetts.

The seminar was hosted by the Boston Jaycees and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation. Its purpose was to promote and develop leadership skills among outstanding high school students.

Students met in informal panels with recognized leaders from business,

government and the arts to discuss America's incentive system. Among the leaders who attended were Larry DiCaro, Boston City Council president; Avi Nelson, candidate for the U.S. Senate; Kansas Senator Bob Dole; Superior Court Justice Edith Fine and Fine Arts Director Elma Lewis.

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When a man becomes 85

It is not in the luck of many people to reach the age of 85. That is 15 years beyond the allotted threescore and 10. Rusty Brabant of North Wilmington is such a man. He just celebrated his 85th and he had a real party, a surprise party. Rusty, it can be said, took an active part in that party, and incidentally, his name is Aristides.

Do you want to know about the old ice houses that used to be between Grove Avenue and Silver Lake, in the area where the town of Wilmington now has a bathing beach? Rusty can tell you about them. Not that he worked there, but he fished there.

It was 75 years ago that he and his brother Dave caught a huge big mouth bass, from the end of the ice company pier. The pier used to go out into the water, and no one was supposed to go on it, for there was a real element of danger, from the deep water.

Rusty and Dave would trot down from North Wilmington and go fishing, and one day they caught that great big bass. They started home with it, but a man stopped them and offered a quarter for the bass. Rusty and Dave accepted on the spot. Probably that man took the bass into Charlestown or some place, and regaled his companions on how he caught that bass.

Rusty and Dave had a quarter, and that, to them was important, for money was not exactly easy to get, in those days.

Rusty can also tell, if he chooses, how he and Dave would go fishing in Lubbers Brook, somewhere near where Corum Meadows is today.

Fish in Lubbers Brook? There aren't any!

Dave and Rusty used to bring home bags full of fish - eels to be exact. They had eel catching down to a science, and their mother knew a lot of secrets on preparing eels for the table.

The two boys would go out into the garden and dig earthworms. Then, with a thread and needle, they would string those worms together, and make a ball of them - about an inch or so in diameter.

That was the first step. The second, if it was successful, was also a two-boy operation.

Rusty might be handling the pole, and Dave taking care of the eels as they were caught - or maybe it was the other way around, but one boy had to be prompt and ready to take those eels up quickly, and put them in a grain bag, where the eels would be imprisoned. To put an eel in a bucket or such was to lose it, for it would quickly slither away and back into the brook.

Sunset was the best time. The boy with the pole would have a ball of worms, literally, on the string. It would blob into the water, and an eel would swallow the worms. They Rusty, or Dave, would gently jerk the

line, and lift the eel from the water. The eel would bounce on the ground, behind the fishermen, and his brother would pounce on it, and just pull that bunch of worms out of the eel's mouth. Back into the water would go those worms, for another eel. No hooks were used.

It was nothing for Rusty and Dave to take back 50 or 60 eels, from an evening's fishing.

Of course, it wasn't all just fishing for Rusty Brabant. From the time he was about 16 to the time he was about 75, it was work. At that age, 10 years ago, Rusty announced that he was going fishing again - and he did.

Rusty still lives within a few hundred feet of where he was born, in North Wilmington near the Tewksbury line. He is an 85 year resident of that area.

If the reader cannot get Rusty to talk about his early fishing days of Wilmington, possibly he may get the conversation to be about Caleb Harriman.

Caleb was a well-known man, in his day. He started the fire department, and the water department, and every spring he had all the Frenchmen, as they were called up on his farm, planting potatoes. In the fall they would dig those potatoes, and take them home. The Frenchmen came from the Harriman Tannery, where they were employed.

Rusty worked for 33 years in that tannery - and for seven in another, the Lord Tannery of Woburn. It was during those years, during the depression and all, that unionism came to the tannery, and that Rusty became the union agent - the shop steward, as it was called.

The leather workers of America were a big union, and the head of that union was a known Communist. Rusty would go to the annual convention, and sometimes it was as far away as San Francisco. He didn't care for a communist head of the union, but Rusty always found him to be an honest man.

Rusty was a tough man. He had to be, to work in a tannery, and to be shop steward.

Caleb was a tough man. He had to be, to run the tannery, especially in those hard days of the depression.

The surprising thing was that these two men always got along well. They were both men of their word. Each respected the other. Caleb would argue, yes, but he would keep his word too.

After Caleb passed on Rusty could see the handwriting on the wall. He left the tannery and started a taxi business, in North Wilmington.

When he approached the age of 75 he decided he had had enough. He sold his business, and announced to the world that he was again going to go fishing.



Four Rustys

From left to right or right to left, it's all the same name. Rusty Brabant, Rusty Brabant, Rusty Brabant and Rusty Brabant. They were all at Rusty's 85th birthday party on Saturday night.

Bits & Pieces

Fr. Leahy scholarship

There will be two \$100 scholarships in memory of Father Joseph Leahy, given by the Ladies Sodality of St. Dorothy's Church. One each will be awarded to a Wilmington High School and a Tewksbury High School senior. Students should apply to guidance offices for applications.

George's grandfather

"In Winter's Solitude: The Folk Sculpture of Gustaf Nyman" is a new exhibit featuring the woodcarvings and hand-crafted violins of a 20th century folk artist, Gustaf Nyman, opening at the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington now through October 27.

Many Wilmington residents will remember George Nyman who served so well and amiably as pianist at Kelley's Oyster House in North Reading.

Gustaf Nyman, whose work is to be featured at the exhibit in Lexington, is George Nyman's grandfather. George is now the featured pianist at the Valley Inn, Hillsboro.

The Museum of Our National Heritage is at 33 Marrett Road, Rt. 2A, Lexington and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

Project Aim

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will again, this year sponsor Project Aim (Academy Introduction Mission). Project Aim is a four-day visit to the Coast Guard Academy during the summer for selected high school students who have some motivation toward a career as a cadet in the academy and as an officer in the Coast Guard. For information call 458-0668.

Luncheon-Blitz

The next monthly luncheon and blitz sponsored by the Ladies Sodality of St. Dorothy's Parish will be held on Thursday, April 20 beginning at noon. Cost of the lunch will be .99¢. Public invited.

Honored at Nazareth

Four Wilmington students and one from Tewksbury have been named to the honor roll for the second quarter at Our Lady of Nazareth Academy, Wakefield.

The Tewksbury student gaining the honor is Lisa Morelli...those from Wilmington include Laura Frost, LuAnn Pozzi, Ann Domigan and Kim Wandell.

Patrons Drive

Members of the class of 1979, WHS will be canvassing for the patrons drive on April 25 and 26. Students will be going from door-to-door asking for donations for the Junior Variety Show.

Patrons' names will appear in the Junior Variety Show booklet.

From the fire log

Members of Wilmington's Fire Department answered 58 calls for assistance between April 10 and 16 including:

Fifteen ambulance runs; 29 brush fires; three false alarms; three building fires; three dumpster fires; two service calls and three car fires.

Trophy for Bill

A 1969 graduate of Wilmington High School has been awarded a trophy by his bowling league for showing the most sportsmanship during the group's 77-78 season.

The presentation, accompanied by a standing ovation was made to Bill Downs of Ayotte Street last Saturday evening when the Friendship Club of Lowell Bowling League held its annual awards banquet.

Overwhelmed by the tribute, Downs commented, "I don't believe it...I guess it pays not to swear when you miss..."

Bill has been employed by Analog Devices of Woburn Street for the last five years.

Bits & Pieces

Determination
Bryan Belmore of West Street, Wilmington won't have any trouble getting ahead in the world if he continues his "It's my job and I'm going to do it" attitude he has displayed as a news carrier.

Weather doesn't matter at all...and Bryan was recently noticed when the papers were to heavy to be balanced on a bike...delivering them in a wheelbarrow...now, with the assistance of his sister, Bryan is delivering his papers on crutches. He fell in his back yard recently and suffered a broken leg.

Determination is also being displayed on Columbia Street, Wilmington...Henry Porter, who fell from his roof last Christmas Eve, while cleaning out the gutters was hospitalized for several months, first at Mass. General, later at New England Rehab...he's home now, has learned to walk with a cane and last week called another Wilmington resident to make plans for having his ward put in shape for spring so that he can plant his garden. Henry says that soon he is going to discard his cane and plant his radishes. The 78-year-old, life-long Wilmington resident is the retired Wilmington postmaster and former circulation manager of the Town Crier.

Going for two!!!
Virginia Vayo, of Boutwell Street, Wilmington, a senior at Regis College was awarded her gallion pin, the official Red Cross recognition award, at a special campus bloodmobile on April 12.

The April 12 bloodmobile gave Virginia a chance to start on her second gallon of blood. Her active participation in Regis' semi-annual campus bloodmobiles may stem from a professional as well as humanitarian appreciation of their importance. She is a chemistry major who plans a career in medicine.

Virginia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vayo of Boutwell Street, Wilmington.

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Pushcarts April 27, 28 & 29

by Elaine DePasquale
If you can remember who the iceman was, then you're sure to be enchanted by "Pushcarts." It's a nostalgic musical comedy practically guaranteed to take you back...to the good old days of the 1930s.

"Pushcarts" will be presented next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 27, 28 or 29 at Wilmington High School Barrows Auditorium. Tickets are selling quickly and it is reported that Saturday evening is already a sell-out.

A production of the Wilmington Teachers Association, "Pushcarts" was written by Dom DeGrazia and Lorraine Kalil of the Music Department.

The story unfolds in a large city neighborhood, the kind where housewives chat over clotheslines stretched between houses and Benjamin Plotniff (Leonard Gagnon) runs his drygoods store. Benjamin, it seems, has a friend named Peep (Harold Holmfeld) and Peep is a man with a problem. His daughter Tina (Joanna Spinosa), for whom he has dreams of a great career with the grand opera, is singing instead in a nightclub.

His dilemma is further complicated by the appearance of a wealthy suitor named Barry Dunhill (Dale Porter) and his cantankerous mother portrayed by Irene Sharp Brennan.

The music is magical. Numbers like "Growing Old Gracefully," "I've Got Talent," "Concise Advice" and "Extra, Extra," a special number featuring a chorus of fifth grade "newsboys," are bound to have audiences tapping their feet.

Dance numbers are many and flashy. Pat Stanceau, art director for the Wilmington Public Schools, has choreographed the show and designed the imaginative, and eye-catching set.

The show is not entirely new to Wilmington. It was presented here in 1964, with resounding success. Coach Frank Kelley, who was a member of that show, is also performing in the 1978 version, as is Leonard Gagnon.

The show has had an interesting history. It has been performed several times in Boston and surrounding towns, always to raise money for some worthy cause. To date, the show has raised more than \$16,000 for charity.

Lorraine Kalil, the show's director, mentioned one performance that she stood out in her mind. It took place on board the aircraft carrier WASP. The officers and crew of the carrier watched from the hangar deck as the cast of "Pushcarts" performed on a lowered flight deck with a tarpaulin for a curtain.

Other members of the show's cast include Popinski (Roger Cote), Pete LaMonte (Bob Boucher), Cornelia (Frances Parker), Becky Plotniff (Yo Girouard), Minska (Lynne Thorpe) and Officer Kilpatrick (Bill Redmond). In understudy and supporting roles are Mary Margaret Sullivan, Bernadette Golden and Michael Tammaro.

Tickets are now on sale at \$4.00 each. They may be purchased from cast members or at any of the Wilmington Public Schools. All proceeds will benefit the Teachers' Association Scholarship Fund.



Rehearsing

Wilmington teachers rehearse for "Pushcarts." From l-r, Dale Porter, Barbara Mette, Dr. Harold Holmfeld, Roger Cote, Vita Sinopoli and John Lovejoy. The musical will be presented at Wilmington High School auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 27, 28 and 29.



Chorus

Fifth graders from several schools in Wilmington will have chorus parts in "Pushcarts." Above, the girls' chorus, and below, the boys'.



Eighth graders at the West Intermediate School are learning "the facts" about alcohol. A pilot program recently initiated there is introducing them to the use and abuse of the world's most popular drug.

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Gardening workshop at Wilmington Library

Hugh Wiberg, Wilmington's own authority on backyard vegetable gardening, will conduct a workshop on vegetable gardening at the Wilmington Library on Monday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Wiberg has been gardening for more than 15 years and is the author of the book "Backyard Vegetable Gardening for the Beginner." He has written

magazine articles on the subject and speaks on WBZ radio on Saturday and Sunday morning in a program sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture.

The gardening workshop will provide beginners and experienced gardeners with the opportunity to share ideas, problems, and questions about their vegetable gardens, and to get the advice of an expert.

Alcohol facts for youngsters

"You have to arm kids with as much data as possible so that they can make responsible decisions," said Patricia Gagnon.

Gagnon, the director of family life education in Wilmington was speaking to a gathering of parents and school administrators at the West Intermediate Parent Advisory Committee meeting last week.

"I think," she said "that as youngsters become more aware of what alcohol is, they will think twice before using it."

The program, which has a discussion format, occupies one classroom period per six-day school week and runs for eight weeks. It is led by Intermediate School teachers under Gagnon's direction.

In her talk, Gagnon detailed

some of the many reasons people turn to alcohol. Youngsters, she said, are different, however.

"Most kids drink because they want to do adult things," she explained. She intimated that by their behavior parents are setting the stage for their children's future attitudes about liquor. She cited the fact that most youngsters have at least sipped a drink by the age of 10, usually in their own homes.

"You will find," said Gagnon, "that, within this town, when kids get into trouble on a Friday or Saturday night, they have been drinking."

Her words were punctuated by the roar of an old car speeding through the school parking lot, and the squeal of its brakes.

Poet-in-residence at West Intermediate

A published poet, whose work has appeared in such celebrated journals as the Atlantic Monthly and the New Yorker, has been working recently with seventh and eighth grade students at the West Intermediate School.

Gary Miranda, award-winning Cambridge poet and teacher, has been Poet-in-Residence at the school for 10 days during March and April.

The English Department applied for and received a grant to participate in the Poet-in-Residence program from the Massachusetts Arts and Humanities Foundation.

Miranda's poetry has appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies in the U.S. and abroad. He has received several awards for

poetry in national competitions.

In 1976 he received a Creative Writing Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts and an Artist-in-Residence Grant from the Massachusetts Arts and Humanities Foundation.

Miranda is the author of two books, *The Seed That Dies* and *Listeners at the Breathing Place*, in which his poetry appears.

He has taught at various universities around the country and lectured at the University of Athens, Greece from 1970-1973.

The Poet-in-Residence project is administered with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities.

Pack 56 explores "The World Around Us"

"The World Around Us" was the theme for the April meeting of Cub Scout Pack 56. A dramatic skit about traveling and seeing the world was presented by Den Two. All the dens had displays relating to the theme.

Webelos David McCue and Mark Wright presented the colors.

Cubmaster James Wright welcomed Michael Spencer into the Pack and presented him with his Bobcat badge. Wolf badges were received by Peter Cyrus, Stephen Craig, Stephen Tarara and John McNally. Webelos Eric Johnson and David McCue were presented Citizenship activity badges. David McCue also received an Artist activity badge.

Mrs. Cindy McCue and Arthur Johnson were given appreciation awards for their contributions to the Pack. Many Cubs received patches.

The next committee meeting will be held Monday evening, May 1 and the next Pack meeting will be Monday, May 15. The Theme of the Month will be "Growing Things."

for selling tickets for the Greater Lowell Council Tournament of Scouting show.

Den Two won the attendance award and Den One won the achievement award.

"Tom Wats Showcase" kits will be shown by the Cubs to their friends and neighbors. They will be taking orders for the sale of the items in the kit.

Many members of the Pack will be participating in the Greater Lowell Council Bowlathon at the Walmesley Bowling Alley, Sunday, April 30 at two o'clock and they will be asking for pledges.

Webelos David Beecher and Scott Rossi retired the colors. Refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed after the meeting.

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Breakfast for fathers and sons

Dads and sons from the Woburn Street School were treated to a buffet breakfast last Thursday morning.

Invited guests included Dr. Walter Pierce, superintendent of schools and Lester White, a member of the school committee.

The event, sponsored by the school's Parent Advisory Committee, began promptly at 7:30. It gave fathers, who are usually at work during the business hours of the day when most school conferences are held, an opportunity to meet and talk with their children's teachers.

Several exhibits were set up for viewing. They included a closed circuit t.v. system, a large replica of a Conestoga covered wagon, an art exhibit and samples of the various curricula children at the school are studying.

Bird Walks
begin May 6

Frank Tuttle will again conduct Saturday Bird Walks, beginning on May 6. Four walks are scheduled through May 27.

Meet at leader's home, 2 Carson Ave., Wilmington at 8 a.m. Each walk will last about four hours.

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They'll call it 'home'

The Harry Johnson family now has a trailer to live in, while their home at 45 High Street, Wilmington is under repair after a fire two weeks ago. Damage to the house can be seen at top. The trailer is parked between their house and that of the Peter Smith family, next door.

Francine Johnson, severely burned in the fire, is still a patient at the Bartlett Burns Unit of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston.

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